

## The Language of The Lord's Supper

1 Cor 11:23-26 Symbols communicate so much important information in life.

Airplane, Hospital,

True Christianity has very few symbols, but one is the Lord's Supper. It is a symbol or emblem that communicates a language all its own, a language of communication between man & God and between man & man. What does the language of the Lord's supper say?

I. This Supper speaks the language of Commemoration. vs 25 "in remembrance of me" or "for the remembering of me". Memorializing is important to God. In Exodus, God set forth the Passover so that the Children of Israel would never forget their deliverance from bondage. Like us, we are commanded to remember Christ and his sacrifice for sin. In a world of nonstop hustle & bustle, we are to remember Him, reflect upon Him and what he did for us. One author writes "By partaking of the Lord's

Supper it symbolizes our dependence upon the crucified, risen, and returning Saviour as the Source, Sustainer and perfecter of our spiritual life.

## II This supper Speaks the Language of Communion (v - 15- 22)

There are some sets of religion that believe these elements turn into physical element of Jesus body during the Supper, and that this commoration becomes some sort of mystic and physical encounter with Christ. This is just not supported scripturally. The juice is still juice bread still bread. But nevertheless there should be and ought to be a spiritual communion. This communion is stirred by the remembrance of Christ suffering & death on the cross, then an identification of the sinner with that cross and in repentance and rededication a filial communion with God. There should also be

Communion among the brothers. Here in 1 Cor Paul was concerned about division that separated the believers. Our fellowship is and spiritual harmony should be reflected in this supper.

III. This Supper speaks the language of Contemplation (Vs 27-29) It is the duty of every believer to examine themselves when he approaches the Lord's supper. To be sure, none of us are worthy of such a great price that was paid for us on the cross, but the table is a good place to examine our lives and confess our sins so as not to be little or minimise such a precious and costly sacrifice. To ask our selves questions such as: Am I coming with faith in His death? Is this eating a symbol of a personal reality or is a mere mockery + hypocritical mask? Is Jesus really and truly the food of my soul? Am I one of His people and am I one with His people. Am I dwelling in love with them all? Is Christ my only personal hope of peace? Do I truly know Christ? If I don't know him how can I possibly remember Him?

## XV / His Supper Speaks the Language of Consecration (1530 - 32)

As we place our selves under a true examination, our sin comes to the surface. Our inconsistency and luke-warm living become self-evident. A person that rightly partakes of the Lord's supper well will not react in defence and rebellion but will genuinely confess and forsake sin before they receive the elements of the Lord's Supper. Once, the elements are received and the hymn sung and we re-enter our day-to-day lives, the genuinely repentant heart does not quickly forget the confessions made at the table. These confessions play out in our lives in a deeper consecration to God. A greater separation unto and love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Communion, Communion, Contemplation Consecration.

As we come to prepare the table we will have a song - Song - Men serve the bread - Matthew 26:28 - Pray <sup>eat</sup> - Men serve the cup - Song - Matthew 26:27-29 - Pray - drink - Matthew 26:30 - Hymn "When I survey the Wondrous cross"

Matthew 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

Matthew 26:27-29 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Matthew 26:30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.